

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2008-162

June 4, 2008

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
MAINE STATE LIBRARY
Annual Proposal of Dept of Education and the
State Library Filed Pursuant to Chapter 285(4)

ORDER

REISHUS, Chairman; VAFIADES, Commissioner

I. SUMMARY

In this Order, we approve spending an additional \$24,000 for FY 2007-2008 from the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund (MTEAF) for consulting services for the Maine State Library (MSL) and the Department of Education (DOE) for assistance with an audit of Federal E-Rate program participation.

II. BACKGROUND AND DECISION

On May 27, 2008, the MSL and DOE filed a letter requesting additional funds from the MTEAF to pay for consulting help to assist MSL and DOE with an audit of Federal E-Rate participation during June 2008. MSL/DOE received notice on May 12, 2008 that MSLN2 would be audited by KPGM under the direction of the Inspector General at the request of the Federal Communications Commission. Such audits are currently being conducted nationwide.

MSL/DOE requests \$24,000 to pay for additional consulting assistance from their current E-Rate consultant. MSL/DOE believes this assistance is necessary to successfully respond to the audit. We agree that such assistance is necessary given the consultant's knowledge of the applications being audited and knowledge about the E-Rate program requirements. Therefore, we authorize the spending of an additional \$24,000 from MTEAF for this purpose. Sufficient funds should exist from MTEAF collection from the FY 2007-2008 fiscal year to allow for this extra spending.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this day of June, 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Karen Geraghty
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Reishus
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